

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 00011 of the Description of the Preferred Embodiments at page 10, lines 9-15, as follows:

In step 26, an incision 28 using a scalpel or similar cutting instrument, preferably with a rounded blade, is made near the hinge 22 of the partial thickness epithelial cut 12. This incision 28 is about 1 to about 2 millimeters long and is sufficiently deep to reach the corneal bed, stromal layer, or Bowman's Membrane 20 and is about 1 to about 2 millimeters long. A cutting instrument 30a for performing step 26 is illustrated in ~~FIG. 8~~ FIG. 3a. Cut 28 may be made using a fluid 38 expelled from the tip of instrument 30a.